THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (c) A pilot plant for the generation of electricity with coal as primary energy source using the Mangnetoydrodynamic principle which involves direct conversion of heat into electricity has been established at Tiruchira-palli under a project sponsored by the Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources. A two year programme of experimental work is presently in progress. Thereafter the possibility of setting up commercial scale plants in any part of India could be investigated.

Use of alien brand names

2110. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to a newspaper report which appeared in 'Economic Times' dated the 6th June, 1985 captioned "Alien brand names use to be permitted";

(b) if so, what are the reasons for allowing foreign names to be used for internal trade;

(c) for how long will these names be permitted to be used;

(d) what will this do to our effort of be coming an industrial power, will this not make us subservient to multinationals for life; and

(e) what are the economic gains of using foreign brand names?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAI CHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. However, there has been no change in Government's Policy of not allowing the use of foreign brand names on products for internal sales although, there is no objec- tion to their use on products to be ex- ported.

Disbanded Public Sector tnterprrj©^

2111. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Witt the Minister of INDUSTRY be plsased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government are proposing to disband a few Public Sector enterprises including' the Engineering Projects (India) Limited;

(b) if so, which are the Public Sector enterprises that are going to be dubanded and what are the reasons for sued- disband ment; and

(c) with how many turn-key projects in India and abroad the EPIL is involved at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R, R JAI-CHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) > No decision has been taken by the Government in this regard.

(c) The total number of projects involved is 25; 24 in India and one abrca I

Production of I.PG cylinder*

2112. DR. MOHD. HASHIM IUDWAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 76 given in the Rajya Sabha or, the 18th November, 1985 and state:

(a) what is the estimated requirement of LPG cylinders during the next two years; and

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to accelerate their production in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OP THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS. (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA); (a) and (b) The estimated requirement of the oil industry for LPG cylinders is approximately as under:—

1986-87	...	34 lakhs
1987-88	. .	.43 lakhs

The annual installed capacity tor manufacture of LPG cylinders is in excess of the requirements of the oil industry.

Modernisation and renovation of power projects

2113. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of ENERGY b$_e$ pleased to state:

(a) the number of power projects which have been renovated and modernised during the current year;

(b) the total amount which has been spent on renovation and modernisation during the same period; and

(c) the quantum of additional power generated during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a). Renovation of no power project has so far been completed since the Centrally-sponsored Renovation and Modernisation scheme has recently commenced.

(b) The budget provision for the cur rent year is Rs. 90.26 crores.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to part(a).

Change of gas distributor!;

2114. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Miinster of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state-

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Oil Corporation has recently issued instructions with regard to* the change of gas distributors in the same city; and

(b) if so, what are the details in thi$_s$ regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) and (bt Indian Oil Corporation's LPG consumers in certain specified markets have been allowed 1 h$_e$ facility of changing to any Other distributor located in the same trading area in case the service rendered by the existing distributor is not satisfactory. Surrender of equipment will not b$_e$ necessary. To begin with, this facility is being provided at Lucknow, Chandigarh, Bhubaneshwar, Durgapur, Ahmedabad, Baroda, Bangalore and Madras.

Singraul; Super Thermal Power Project

2115. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that Government popose to double the power geneating capacity of the Singrauli Super Thermal Power Project; and

(a) if $_s$o. what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) The approved capacity of the Singrauli Super Thermal Power Project is 2000 MW, out of which 1000 MW (5 units of 200 MW each) capacity stands commissioned. The remaining capacity (2x500 MW) is scheduled to be added during the Seventh Plan.

National Thermal Power Cooperation

2116. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERIEE: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the State Governments have reservations regarding the functioning of the National Thermal Power Corporation so far as tariff system and plant load factor *an* concerned;

(b) if so, what are those reservations:

(c) whether the Central Government have held any discussions in this regard to sort out the reservations;

(d) if so, when and what ;>re the outcome of such discussions;

(e) if not, whether Government propose to hold such discussions now; and

(f) if not, what are the reasons there-fort